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Jan Root, Ph.D.
President and CEO
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Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: Designate the Statewide Clinical Health Information Exchange Entity to Implement
ARRA HIT State Grant

Dear Dr. Root:

As the Governor-designated State Health IT Coordinator for the State of Utah and Chair of the Utah HIT Governance Consortium, I hereby designate the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN) to serve as the accountable entity to implement the Operational Plan submitted with the Utah application for the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program for the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act Section 3013 "State Grants to Promote HIT" in the Recovery Act of 2009.

This designation has been discussed and supported by the Utah HIT Governance Consortium in its meeting on August 27, 2009. The Consortium appreciates that UHIN, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and a member of the Consortium, has successfully established the statewide administrative data exchange in the past 16 years and diligently planned for the statewide clinical health information exchange over the past 5 years.

We expect that you and UHIN will continuously work with all members of the Consortium and Liaison Organizations and successfully implement and operate the Utah statewide clinical health information exchange as outlined in the Operational Plan. Together, we the public and private sectors will effectively use the health information exchange, as a tool, to support health system reform and improvement to benefit all people in the State of Utah.

Sincerely,

David N. Sundwall, MD
Executive Director